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Sophomore Emergency and Disaster Management major Natalie Cote assesses the severity of a role player's injuries and communicates with the rest of her team during a Missouri Hope-Atlantica exercise Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Mozingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area. This was Missouri Hope's sixth annual field response exercise.

# Missouri Hope-Atlantica

## Northwest hosts humanitarian response exercise

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Northwest hosted its sixth annual four-day field response exercise, Missouri Hope-Atlantica, this past weekend.

Missouri Hope is a field training exercise that partners with Northwest's Emergency and Disaster Management program and local and state emergency response resources to give students hands-on learning experiences and necessary skills needed for future real-world emergencies and disasters.

This year, Missouri Hope

switched up training exercises to an international mass casualty scene focusing on humanitarian relief and preventing and alleviating human suffering. For the past five years, the Missouri Hope scenario has been domestic training and tornado exercises.

Missouri Hope Director John Carr said they had kept the same domestic scenario because that is what majority of students will deal with in their respective future careers. The scenario was changed this year to allow students the opportunity to experience a different type of exercise.

"Our program is such that we need to make sure that students not only get learning in the classroom, but also hands-on learning out in the field," Carr said. "We want to try and show them what type of hands-on skills they'll need to know, and also make sure that for them they are getting the chance to experience what careers are out there, what things they can do after school."

The scenario this year was in the fictional country of Atlantica that had been hit with a 6.8 earthquake as well as civil violence resulting from the recent civil war

within that country.

Within the exercise, there were 36 participants, 21 of which were Northwest students, the others came from seven other institutions. There were 70 staff members and 182 volunteers role-playing as victims.

Participants were divided up into four groups of nine. Each group was paired with two staff members who worked as control evaluators and mentors. The groups then spent the next 72 hours in scenario.

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# Homecoming comes early, interferes with midterms

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Homecoming and midterms coincidentally fall on the same week this year, leaving students to manage their time between studying and taking part in Homecoming activities.

Homecoming Graduate Assistant Delaney Kramer said the Homecoming date is picked by athletics and is based off of the football team. The only home football game in the month of October is the Oct. 13 game.

"This year we didn't really have a say, we just get an email saying, 'Here's when Homecoming is going to be,'" Kramer said. "For this year, it was picked three years ago so it was already set."

Since the Homecoming game falls early this year in comparison to previous years, Homecoming came a week early.

"The fact that everybody still got stuff done, they've been on top of the ball and with it being right smack in the middle of midterms, I'm very impressed with the students," Kramer said.

Homecoming Executive Secretary Veronica Maere said students have been planning proactively in preparation for this busy week to minimize stress.

"I've talked to people in my organizations, and they've said that they are more ahead of schedule then they have ever been because they knew that they were going to fall in the same week," Maere said.

Maere said there is not an ideal week to have Homecoming in October because students will always have some type of class workload.

"It's either going to be the week before midterms when you're trying to prep for it, the week during midterms where you're stressing about it or the week after when you're starting new units," Maere said.

Kramer said a survey was sent out to students following Homecoming week last year, in that survey students said that Homecoming week did not affect their studies too much. She also said this will teach students crucial time management skills needed for a job.

"I always say you're a student first," Kramer said. "They need to put that first, I think everyone really tries to realize that we're all still students first and homecoming should definitely come second. Trying to balance the two is really where we're trying to fit in with everything and not to fail students by any means."

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Northwest Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker discusses details about the new Hughes Fieldhouse with the Maryville City Council at its bi-weekly meeting Monday, Oct. 7.

# Hughes Fieldhouse deal headlines City Council

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Maryville City Council concluded Monday with approvals for a number of contracts and agreements for key projects.

Leading the charge was the Hughes Fieldhouse, a \$21 million project four years in the making.

Northwest Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker was in attendance at Monday's meeting and spoke about the groundbreaking agreement forged between the city and University.

"This is the largest public-private partnership that Northwest has

been a part of in our 113-year history," Baker said. "This is a great partnership and we're excited to have it."

Much of the discussion involved addressing the city and University's partnership and each of its roles in utilizing the fieldhouse as part of the agreement.

The city will use the fieldhouse to enhance athletic tourism and economic development offerings, improve the local economy and hold shows.

"It does outline the process for the city to schedule events on the master calendar," City Manager

Greg McDanel said. "There will be no fixed cost for those events with basic services."

Baker said after looking at the state of higher education in the U.S., partnerships between institutions and local communities are critical.

As part of the agreement, Maryville residents will be able to use the fieldhouse track if a membership has been purchased at either the University fitness center or the city parks and recreation department.

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# Professors clothe student dreams

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Two teachers from the Northwest School of Education are making it easier for students to obtain professional clothes with the Career Closet.

The Career Closet is a room on the second floor of North Complex that is designed to allow students to have free access to professional clothing.

Lead preschool teacher Meghan Sheil and behavioral sciences instructor Sarah Creason discussed where the idea came from. Sheil said it started when a student had a new shirt ruined.

“There was a practicum student, and you could tell she had a new outfit on for the practicum, and she was eating (spaghetti and meatballs) beside one of my preschoolers,” Sheil said. “The meatball flew across the table and hit her right in her white shirt and I could tell that she was devastated.”

This led to a conversation about the price of clothes, which eventually gave Sheil an idea.

“She (the student) wanted to look professional for student teaching and practicum. She wanted to feel confident but clothes are so expensive,” Sheil said. “I started to think, between those two things, that, ‘Well I have clothes at home, all of us have clothes at home, that we are not using.’ So the next week I brought this green tub from my house, and I filled it with clothes I wasn’t using anymore, and we called it Teacher Threads.”

Sheil said Teacher Threads went over well and has seen heavy use.

“(The students) went through and found some clothes, and they seemed really appreciative,” Sheil said.

Eventually, Creason and Sheil started to find a more permanent place, and more people got involved. Sheil said a variety of departments got involved, specifically

Creason said she was not expecting the amount of support Northwest gave.

“(Northwest) was so supportive and excited it was almost overwhelming,” Creason said.

Another reason to add the Career Closet was it allows students to participate in functions. Creason said this has been an issue in the past.

“We have had students who have missed out on opportunities like dinners on campus or things going on if they didn’t have something to wear,” Creason said. “We don’t want our students to miss opportunities because they don’t have the right clothes for whatever event or occasion is going on.”

One of the students that benefited from that was freshman Cassandra Crandall. Crandall needed an outfit for Career Day and did not have one.

“I would have worn a weird tee with some comments on it or something, and I wouldn’t have made the best impression,” Crandall said.

Crandall said she received an email about the Career Closet being available. She said she was surprised by how much the Career Closet had to offer.

“I thought it was going to be just a few shirts here and there, but it was an entire room full of stuff,” Crandall said.

Having the closet there allowed Crandall to have more professional clothing, without spending a lot of money.

“You’re not having to go out and spend \$60 on an outfit that you can only wear a few times over the course of your college career,” Crandall said.

Crandall also said that having professional clothes allows her to feel confident when showing up to an interview. She said that this is important.

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Laclede Chain Manufacturing Co. is one of four Maryville businesses that will be allocated state funding to provide training to its workers.

## Maryville companies receive economic development grants

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The Missouri Department of Economic Development recently announced more than \$5.1 billion worth of funding had been awarded to companies across the state, a number of which are located in Maryville.

Four Maryville companies will be beneficiaries of the Workforce Division’s Customized Training Program, one that will award more than 186 companies with funds.

The program will help train more than 17,090 workers, 1,202 in newly created jobs and 15,888 in existing positions.

Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. USA, Laclede Chain Manufacturing Co., Federal-Mogul Motorparts and Maryville Tire Partners are the four Maryville companies listed in the program’s recipient list.

“Not only will this funding help Missouri workers gain new skills, it delivers value to Missouri busi-

nesses in an area of critical need — the availability of a quality workforce,” Gov. Mike Parson said in a statement. “By helping businesses train new and existing workers, we’re helping them stay competitive and remain here in Missouri.”

The \$5.1 billion comes from Missouri’s Customized Training Program, which assists with business development by providing training to new and existing workers.

The customized training program gives companies the leeway to choose a training provider, but Missouri’s technical and community colleges are the administrators of the program.

For Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corporation, the latest round of funds are coming at an important time for the company.

Kawasaki is in the midst of adding new technology that would simulate processes on machines, relieving engineers and technicians of wasted time troubleshooting and potentially shutting down

production.

With the help of state training funding, the company can use this to help train employees on this upcoming simulator as well as on other manufacturing and tech-centered positions.

“I think it’s huge,” Kawasaki Training Department Assistant Manager Mike Clements said. “I think it makes us more attractive to the newer engineers, the newer technicians coming out of school.”

Clements said having a training department where incoming applicants know they’ll get hands-on experience, versus being thrown to the wolves on the line, is a benefit.

“We realized that today’s workforce, they don’t get the experience, hands-on experience, that they used to,” Kawasaki Human Resources Administrator Brittny Langston said. “So we have people coming in that want to work at our facility that we need to take some more training up front to get them acclimated.”

Kawasaki has been receiving funds for the program for 21 years and has been granted almost three-quarters of a million dollars in that time.

“It allows us to go above and beyond what we normally budgeted for training,” Langston said. “There might be those (budget) items where we want to do two things but we only have the budget for one thing, because of this program, we can do both of them.”

As part of the program, 15 percent of total funding to Kawasaki goes to the local Northwest Technical School on South Munn Avenue.

“To be able to throw that support to the schools and also knowing we’re getting out customized money spent and they’re getting 15 percent of that to invest back into the school is huge as well,” Langston said.

Langston said the state’s support of manufacturing training through the training program has made Kawasaki and the state overall more attractive.



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Funding was stripped from the Nodaway County Senior Center in September 2017, and it has been struggling to find resources ever since.

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# Senior center in need of funding

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The Nodaway County Senior Center is working to keep its doors open due to funding issues.

The senior center lost 100 percent of its state and federal funding in September 2017. Since then, the center has implemented programs to bring in supplementary income and petitioned for funding. The latest petition for funding was to the Maryville City Council, who denied their request.

City Manager Greg McDanel said they can't provide funding to the center because they do not have any pre-standing agreements with them.

"First of all, the City of Maryville has never provided funding for the senior center; this was a new request this year from them. Currently, they do a great job with the services they provide, but it is a bit of misconception that there is a pot of money out there that the city has to dole out. So they came and

requested funds, and we currently do not have any contractual agreement or any sponsorship opportunities with the senior center."

McDanel said Missouri law also prevents them from funding the center.

"Missouri Constitution, Article Six, Section 23 prohibits the city of Maryville from essentially granting moneys as a donation to a cause, and this was confirmed by the Missouri Municipal League who stated those need to be contractually based or sponsorship that aligns with our services," McDanel said. "So, the city of Maryville doesn't provide any senior services, therefore, we could not justify providing any funds to the group."

Nodaway County Senior Center Administrator Amie Firavich said if all donations and funding to the senior center were to stop, they would not be able to stay open long.

"Right now, if nobody else gave us funding, we could probably go for a year and a half, but that is with

no funding at all," Firavich said.

However, Firavich said the community has been very generous in helping the center through their time of need.

"This wonderful community that we live in has been very generous in helping us," Firavich said. "So as long as the community is still helping and we still receive little grants from sources, then obviously our goal is to not shut down and continue forward."

Firavich said she will continue to petition for funding and push to keep the center open.

"We are in the process of creating a strategic plan, trying to get all of our ducks in a row, and then we are going to apply for funding again come this spring," Firavich said.

Keeping the center open is key in giving back to seniors of Nodaway County. Firavich said the senior center is often what helps keep seniors out of nursing homes.

"We're important because of the social aspect of it," Firavich

said. "There are individuals who don't have any family in the area, they might not even have a spouse, so being able to come into the senior center to have that social aspect, it helps them feel better and live longer, and it keeps them out of the nursing home."

The senior center also has a meal delivery service for some senior members of the community. Firavich said this program also helps them keep their independence.

"The same with the home-delivered, some of the individuals that we serve they don't have any family, they don't have money for food, so, when we can give them one well-balanced hot meal, it helps them with their nutrition needs and keeps them out of the nursing home," Firavich said. "I mean that is our goal. They want to live in their home for as long as they can, some of them don't want to go to the nursing home, so the resources that we have enable them to stay independent longer."

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OUR VIEW:

# New campus service offers students professional clothes

As college students, we always joke that we are dirt poor even though we may have a decent sum in our bank account. For some though, this is a serious issue.

To aid the many who do struggle with financial problems, Northwest has many programs to further the success of student’s careers from Pay it Forward Food Pantry to the cost of North Complex and now the newest addition Career Closet.

The creation of the Career Closet is another way Northwest has taken to its students into account.

Much like with the food pantry, which was a response to how many students have to choose between groceries and bills, and renting out textbooks at the beginning of the semester, the university realizes higher education comes at a high cost.

By providing an affordable way to make college a little more

comfortable and easy, Career Closet shows the importance of a kind gesture.

These programs are meant to support student’s education by helping with the small stresses we often face such as food, cost of living and now clothes.

With the Career Closet, students can participate in more opportunities than they may have previously been able to.

These include functions such as interviews, dinners and formal gatherings.

The Career Closet provides a way for students to dress for success while not breaking the already nearly empty bank account.

Another resource the University provides is the Food Pantry located in the University Police Department. It is open 24/7 and students can come and choose from a variety of nonperishable food items.

As stated in the food pantry mission statement, it strives to help students “in pursuit of equity and accessibility for all students and employees... (by providing) a source of food and necessities.”

In the same way, the Career Closet will help provide the same kinds of opportunities to all students.

Even though we are in college, we should not have to be subjected to the harshness of reality when it comes to choosing between food and our light bill just yet.

Our education is more important than worrying if we can afford a can of Spaghettio’s and services like the food pantry and Career Closet show how our teachers and school want us to succeed.

However, it is up to us, as students, to take advantage of these programs. We cannot accept help if we do not seek to better our circumstances.

# SNL adds twist to news



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A lot goes on in the world around us and sometimes these events can be a little too much to handle, especially in college, without a comedic spin on it.

“Saturday Night Live” helps viewers digest the news a little better and presents it in a way that everyone can understand.

“SNL” takes a variety of current events and then turns them into a satirized version that makes people laugh and realize that even though a certain event may be dark, it will get better in the long run.

A complaint often made about “Saturday Night Live” over the last year is, in its signature political sketches, the show essentially treats its cast as bench warmers while giving the key roles to an ever-expanding roster of celebrity guests.

With the beginning of their 44th season, they took on the current circus that was the Brett Kavanaugh hearings. This sketch featured Matt Damon as Brett Kavanaugh and the rest of the senators were played by the ever-changing cast of “SNL.”

This sketch put a comedic spin on what had been said during the testimony of Kavanaugh after the testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, and this was not the only political figure to make an appearance on this episode.

The skit also featured the return of Kate McKinnon reprising her portrayal of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg on “Weekend Update, a mock news segment.” This included her signature ginsburns or personal jokes and dancing as she reacted to various things going on in the realm of politics and current events.

Both of these portrayals helped paint the depressing events around us in an uplifting manner and helped make it more relatable to a younger generation that might not generally understand what is going on in the current political structure.

In a review by Dennis Perkins, posted on AV/TV Club described how much McKinnon’s portrayal is a perfect comedic take on Bader-Ginsburg.

“I see no reason to stop Kate McKinnon from doing her Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg, here responding with signature octogenarian pugnaciousness to the Kavanaugh hearings,” Perkins wrote. “Gyrating after one of her patented ‘gins-burns’ like offering performatively concerned GOP Senator Jeff Flake a pair of her panties to further cover his ass, and alternating between mocking Kavanaugh, and her own diminutive stature with her calendar including ‘break glass ceiling’ and ‘do 100 laps in a bird bath,’ McKinnon’s Ginsburg is a reliable hoot.”

This satirization of major figures in the government helps a younger audience understand deeper topics like the nomination process of a Supreme Court justice and how this can affect the rest of the country.

While it may seem like more of an insult-based comedy, it helps people understand the world around them and realize things are not as dark as they may seem. It also shows that laughter can be used to make anything better, regardless of how deep a topic could be.

# Scary movies deserve love



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Whether people love them or hate them, everybody knows about scary movies. With movies like “Silent Hill,” “Paranormal Activity” and “The Orphan,” the horror movie genre has made a path within the movie industry and with quite the reputation. Sadly, scary movies are generally not held in high regards despite the storyline.

While the horror genre does rely on tropes, blaring music and jump scares, there are many out there dealing with social stigmas and mental illness such as “The Babadook.”

People shouldn’t disregard a movie simply because it has these typical horror components. They are ultimately used to scare the audience and if done tactfully, they can really add to the thematic experience.

Directors have learned to better meld together common elements of horror movies and genuine moments into a suspenseful plot.

“The Conjuring” series directed by James Wan is a perfect example of storytelling with well-cast characters, believable acting and perfect transitions through the various settings.

With the movies heavily focused on the Warren couple, it followed the hauntings they were part of and took major dramatic liberties to portray a story with love, demons and true bravery.

Adding to the list of horror

movies, Stephen King’s “It” became an instant favorite among horror movie fanatics and audiences around the globe in 2017. The movie managed to gross over \$120 million within its first weekend in the box office and over \$700 million worldwide, according to IMDb.

The movie lived up to the predecessor’s name with a colorful and unique cast set in an intricate story.

While not a paranormal horror movie, “It” definitely had many of the horror elements people tend to stray from like loud music during crucial moments in the plot and frightening jump scares to get the adrenaline rushing.

The movie was able to reach a wide range of audiences due to the playful dialogue between characters, the thoughtful screenplay and the 80s nostalgia.

While “It” garnered fast popularity, one of the best horror movies with a storyline delving into societal issues and supported by a diverse cast had to be “Get Out.” This movie not only won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay, but did this on about a \$5 million budget according to IMDb.

With such a low budget, it goes to show horror movies and particularly psychological horror has a place as highly acclaimed work. By taking the right perspective and telling a story through another’s eyes, horror movies can make a deep impression.

Some scary movies do end up being more ridiculous and funny than terrifying, but even then there are so many with solid plots, relatable characters and well-written relations.

# Homecoming, midterms add stress



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Whoever decided to have Homecoming and midterms during the same week must not remember how stressful both events are, especially for students who are involved on campus.

Midterms bring on a different level of stress than regular tests and exams. This is the point of the semester where students gage if their grades are salvageable. This means the average, overly-caFFEinated college student is trying to cram as much information as our brains can hold.

Then Homecoming gets added into the mix.

This is a time where nearly every club demands the most of each member, both with their time and money. Sororities and fraternities, battling it out to try and win the most supremacy points, require Homecoming hours each week. The Bearcat Marching Band practices for hours, rain or shine. The football team has to batten down the hatches to prepare for the game.

Then members have to go back to their rooms and bust open the Sociology textbook they haven’t looked at since they picked it up from textbook services.

Our University Seminar teachers warn against all-nighters, but for many it may be unavoidable.

Floats can take hours of work just to make any significant headway in its progress. If I have a biology midterm the next day, then I’m going to have to study for a few

hours. The next thing I know, it’s 3 a.m., I am on my second pot of coffee and my class is at 8 a.m. with no time or point to shower and sleep. For those in similar situations, this can be stressful.

Stress can lead to a myriad of issues if prolonged. According to the Mayo Clinic, acute, or chronic, stress makes people more prone to certain symptoms and health problems including anxiety, depression, digestive problems, headaches, heart disease, sleep problems, weight gain, memory and concentration impairment.

All these can make midterm week miserable for students and teachers alike. I doubt anyone wants to deal with memory and concentration problems while in the middle of using the quadratic formula.

It’s also difficult for people to actually enjoy Homecoming. This is a time where Northwest and Maryville are supposed to come together as a community and cheer on our football teams while also trying to take as much free candy as socially acceptable. However, with midterms looming over everyone’s heads, it takes away the fun. Now, people are clawing their way to Walk Out Day on Friday just to have a reprieve from these tests.

I understand it takes a lot to plan Homecoming and this is just a situation working out in a worst case scenario, but it still hurts students both mentally and academically.

In the future there needs to be better communication between those in charge of Homecoming and those who create the academic calendar.

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# Northwest club gives back to veterans at bass tournament

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The Northwest fishing club volunteered at Fishing for Freedom, an annual celebration to honor veterans with a weekend bass fishing tournament.

Fishing for Freedom was hosted by the Leavenworth Bass Club Oct. 5-7 on Truman Lake. This year was the organization’s 10th anniversary. The Northwest fishing club took 10 volunteers this year to the event, two of which participated as boaters.

Fishing Club President Logan Newlin and Tournament Director Nathan Itao both brought their own fishing boats and were able to volunteer as boaters this year. Newlin had one veteran in his boat for the bass tournament, and Itao had two veterans.

Around 170 veterans attended the bass tournament, each veteran was taken out by boat with an experienced bass angler for the tournament portion. Newlin said the start of the tournament was the most memorable and emotional for him.

“They have a boat that they take out there with a big flag in it, and they play the National Anthem while the sun is coming up,” Newlin said. “Some of the lines talking about land of the free, home of the brave, and it’s because of our military. There’s 170 veterans and some guys that are still currently in the military out there, you’ve got one guy in your boat, and it’s because

of them that words like that are in the National Anthem.”

Itao said he volunteered because the Leavenworth Bass Club has helped out Northwest’s fishing club multiple times. He knew Fishing for Freedom is always in need of boaters, and he also wanted to show his respect to the veterans for serving the country.

“It was awesome,” Itao said. “I got paired up with two guys. They wanted me to call them by their nicknames. One was Willy because he only had one eye. One was Crispy because he was burned down from his mid-chest to his feet.”

The bass tournament had a five fish weigh-in limit. The veterans in Itao’s boat each caught three bass but did not weigh any in.

“Truman Lake is a hard fishery,” Itao said. “I felt bad because I didn’t get them as much fish as I would have liked to. I know my guys had a lot of fun... Here, they can enjoy the nature without getting shot at is basically what they said in the end.”

Between Lewlin and the veteran in his boat, they caught and weighed in three bass fish. The minimum weigh-in length for bass was 15 inches.

“You don’t think fishing could be a way that you could try to give a fraction of your thanks to the people who give so much for us,

but through Fishing for Freedom, we’re able to do that,” Newlin said. “These guys aren’t serious fishermen, they aren’t passionate about it, they just want to go and have a good time. Something as random as fishing is a way to give back to the veterans.”

Sophomore Mikayla Olson volunteered at Fishing for Freedom for the second time this year.

“I realized what an amazing feeling it is to give back to people who have given it their all for our freedom, so of course without hesitation I went again this year,” Olson said. “I also just really enjoy getting to know the club members on a new level. Overall, it’s just a really great time and I wouldn’t miss it for the world.”

Itao said the biggest takeaway from Fishing for Freedom for him was the conversations he had with the two veterans in his boat.

“To cover up for all their injuries, they learned to take humor from it. The guy named Crispy for instance, he was blown up in a van at the front entrance of the gate of his camp, and he was thrown 30 feet up in the air and burned from his mid-chest to his toes. He said that five years later he learned that you just kind of have to joke about it and move on with life and nicknamed himself Crispy. These events that they can just turn into humor absolutely amazes me.”



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Fishing Club President and volunteer Logan Newlin and veteran RYAN Hiebsch fished together during the Fishing for Freedom bass tournament on Truman Lake last weekend. Newlin was one of 10 Northwest students to volunteer at the tournament.

## APPROPRIATIONS

Student Senate appropriated \$1,500 to Agronomy Club.

## MO HOPE

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Sophomore Savannah Baker, emergency and disaster management major, was a participant in Missouri Hope-Atlantica. This was Baker’s third exercise; she was a participant in Missouri Hope last year and in New York Hope in August.

Baker said the annual emergency response field training Northwest hosts is what drew her to the University.

“I always learn stuff in a Hope exercise, no matter if it’s my first or my third,” Baker said. “I definitely have to say you learn more about yourself for sure. You may think you know exactly what you’re doing, but then you get into these exercises and you feel humbled, but you’re able to learn and grow still. You may get knocked down one step, but you keep growing from there. You learn from getting your butt kicked in a sense, I guess.”

Carr said Missouri Hope-Atlantica was valued at about \$3.2 million, this figure includes equipment used, donations and man hours put into the simulation. The cash budget from this event is about \$9,000. Staff members had to pay \$70 and participants had to pay \$140 to cover for meals, t-shirts and facility rentals.

Junior Christopher Fowler, an emergency and disaster management major, was a participant in Missouri Hope-Atlantica. This was Fowler’s third Hope exercise.

“I really enjoy the exercises because it’s kind of the bread and butter of the major, so it’s a lot more of the hands-on type of work,” Fowler said.

Disaster and Emergency Management major sophomore Natalie Coté was a participant in Missouri

Hope-Atlantica, this was her first Hope exercise.

Coté said this field exercise allowed her to see the things she had been learning about within her major in a real, physical way, teaching her insights needed for a future career. Coté said getting to work alongside staff members was inspiring.

“As someone that’s just learning, it is incredibly inspiring to see these people that may be, at one point, were in my shoes, but now 10, 20, 30 years down the road have all of these skills and have the capacity to be able to help people in the way that I want to be able to help people someday,” Coté said.

Junior Mallory Krishna volunteered as a victim for the simulation. This was her second year volunteering. This year, she had moulage to look like bruising on her side and acted as if she were dying from her injuries.

“I know that for a lot of first responders, especially in this area, this is one of the only events they get to go to so they can practice,” Krishna said. “For them, this is really critical and important because when they go out into the real world if they don’t have any practice, they don’t know how to deal with it, so this is just a good practice run for them.”

Coté said she felt like she was thrown into the deep end at Missouri Hope-Atlantica but the experience was well worth being pushed emotionally and physically.

“I think Missouri Hope-Atlantica was very intense, but it was very rewarding,” Coté said. “You don’t need to be apart of the major to get something from the exercise. I definitely encourage anyone that wants to get a better understanding of triage or humanitarian aid or just what to do in a disaster situation to look into it and potentially do the exercise.”

## FIELDHOUSE

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“Our anticipation is (to be open) from six a.m. till noon, maybe it’s one, on weekdays and then weekends will be a little bit different,” Baker said.

With the help of a voter-approved tax on nightly hotel stays, the city will be able to contribute significant funding to the fieldhouse moving forward, nearly \$150,000 a year and \$3.45 million over 23 years.

**CITY RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH NODAWAY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The council unanimously approved a renewal with the non-profit organization Nodaway County Economic Development, who the city has partnered with for numerous projects.

“Most recently Kawasaki Manufacturing expansions, Maryville Carbon Solutions, financing restaurant equipment for the conference center,” McDanel said.

This year the NCED received

a slight bump in funding from the city, approximately \$2,000.

Executive Director Josh McKim praised the relationship between the NCED and the council.

“I’ve been to a lot of places and not had that in the past,” McKim said. “So it’s refreshing and I appreciate your guy’s leadership.”

**CITY TAKES STEPS TO REPAIR WATERLINE**

Council members also approved a contract with Blue Springs Winwater Company for the purchase of materials for the South Mattie waterline replacement project.

“We’ve had numerous water leaks in this area over the past two years including the last one in July,” McDanel said. “It has been the source of maybe four or five leaks over the past few years.”

He said past repairs have only resulted in more leaks springing in other areas of the line.

McDanel anticipates construction crews with Blue Springs Winwater will begin work soon, with the hope of completing the project before winter.

## MIDTERM

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Kramer said she encourages students and staff to send in feedback regarding Homecoming week and is curious to see what students will have to say in the follow-up Homecoming evaluation survey. The survey will be tweeted and emailed out, it open for anyone to take.

“When we send out our survey, we would love for people to be like ‘hey we would really appreciate if it wouldn’t be on this week,’” Kramer said. “Obviously this year was a different circumstance, it’s like do we do it in November? We also have Family Weekend so we have to be cautious of that from a University event planning standpoint. We try to not over program, give a lot of time in between the two with those things. We’d really appreciate the feedback from anybody.”

# Blotters for the week of Oct. 11

## Maryville Public Safety

- Sept. 28**  
There is an ongoing investigation for animal abuse at the 200 block of West South Avenue.
- Oct. 1**  
There is an ongoing investigation for lost or stolen property at the 600 block of North Main Street.
- Oct. 2**  
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at Mozingo Lake.
- Sept. 25**  
There is an ongoing investigation for an animal bite at the 600 block of East Seventh Street.

## Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

- Sept. 30**  
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at Sycamore Apartments.
- Oct. 3**  
There was a closed investigation for six liquor law violations at Perrin Hall.
- Oct. 4**  
There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at

- Perrin Hall.
- There was a closed investigation for stealing at Lot 22.
- There was a closed investigation for six liquor law violations at Roberta Hall.
- Oct. 5**  
A summons was issued to **Adriaan Carden**, 18, for possession of marijuana at South Complex.
- A summons was issued to **Logan Eaton**, 19, for possession of marijuana at South Complex.

- Oct. 4**  
There is an ongoing investigation for assault at the 300 block of East Third Street.
- Oct. 5**  
There is an ongoing investigation for harassment at the 1800 block of North Grand Avenue.
- Oct. 7**  
A summons was issued to **Zachary Davis**, for failure to register a motor vehicle, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying the plate of another at the 700 block of North Country Club Road.
- Oct. 6**  
There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at 1200 block of Fox Road.
- A summons was issued to **Ty Gilliland**, 19, for possession of a reproduced license at Millikan Hall.
- Oct. 7**  
There was a closed investigation for stealing at Hudson Hall.
- Oct. 9**  
There was a closed investigation for dating violence at the Wellness Center.

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HOROSCOPE

By MetroCreative

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
The planets will bring significant changes and breakthroughs over the next several days, Aries. Even last-minute disruptions can’t derail your success.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, this will be a potent week for you, as you will be called upon to solidify and strengthen others. Help individuals find the power of their purpose.

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
Try stretching yourself creatively, Gemini. The results can be surprising when you think outside of the box and leave your comfort zone. With confidence, you can succeed.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, be more thorough with your communications because someone might miss the memo if you do not get the point across effectively. You don’t want to repeat and follow up.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, some sunny days are ahead. Make the most of the positive situations you find yourself in, and don’t hesitate to share your good fortune with others.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Focus on the significance of an important task that comes your way this week, Virgo. There is meaning behind this work, and you must discover it.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Mischievous makers are in full force, Libra. You aren’t quite sure if you are ready to jump into the frivolity this week. Keep your space until you decide how to proceed.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, be honest with yourself and others when prompted for feedback. Your honesty will be a feather in your cap, and others will appreciate your straightforward approach.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, important shifts and movements this week can turn everything you have been working toward on its head. Remain calm and patient to see things through.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Unforeseen circumstances leave you feeling a bit weary, Capricorn. You should cling to someone who has his or her feet firmly planted on the ground for support.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, build more bridges that give you access to influence. This will help you see plans through at work, and this success will spill over into your personal life.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, explosive energy can come your way if you are willing and able to welcome it. Others may be inspired by what you accomplish.

Cravings Corner

Spaghetti And Meat Sauce

Do you have a recipe that you want to share with campus send it to S527739@nwmissouri.edu to share your favorite dishes

Hands-on Time	Total Time	Yield
15 Mins	15 Mins	Makes 4 sandwiches

An easy meat sauce recipe for spaghetti made quickly with ground beef and pasta sauce, flavored with onion and garlic

- 12 ounces dry spaghetti, uncooked
- 2 tablespoons Pure Wes-son® Canola Oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 pound ground round beef (85% lean)
- 1 can (24 oz each) Hunt's® Traditional Pasta Sauce
- Grated Parmesan cheese, optional

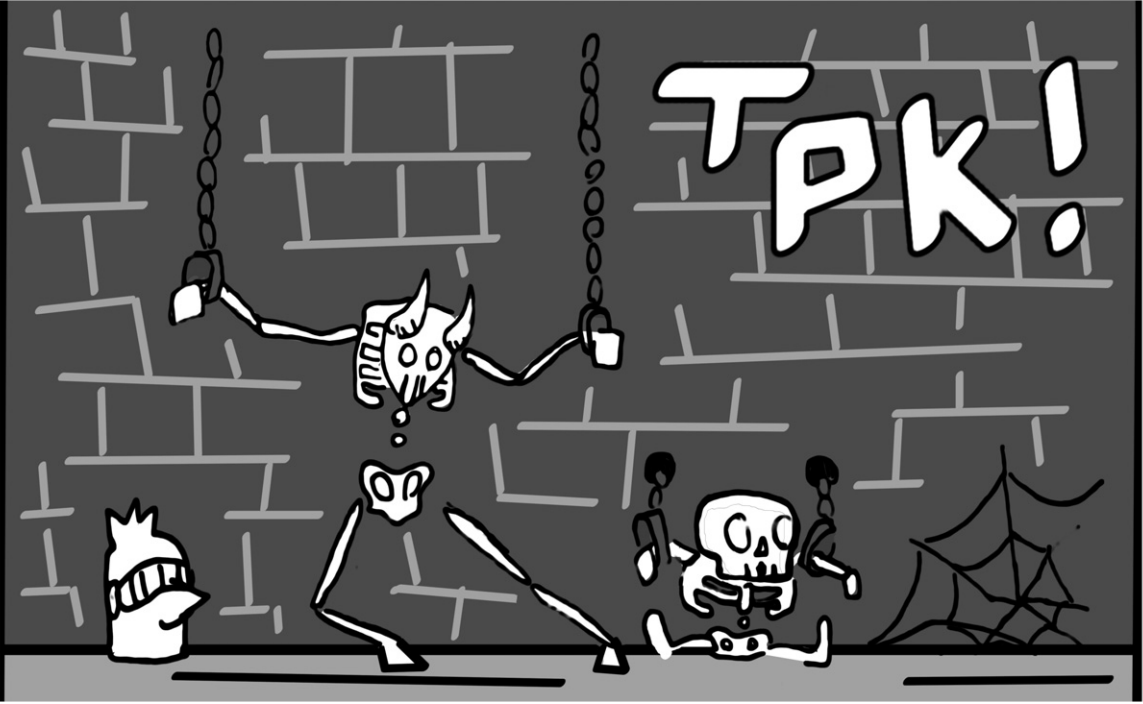
**STEP ONE**  
Cook spaghetti according to package directions.

**STEP TWO**  
Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; cook 5 minutes or until onion is tender, stirring frequently. Add beef; cook 7 minutes or until beef is crumbled and no longer pink, stirring occasionally. Drain.

**STEP THREE**  
Add pasta sauce to skillet; stir together. Simmer covered over medium-low heat 10 minutes or until hot. Drain spaghetti. Serve meat sauce with spaghetti. Sprinkle with cheese, if desired.



Goofs ‘n’ Goblins



ANTHONY NAIMO | NW MISSOURIAN

Farewell Goofs ‘n’ Goblins heroes, you will be missed. RIP.  
-The Missourian Staff

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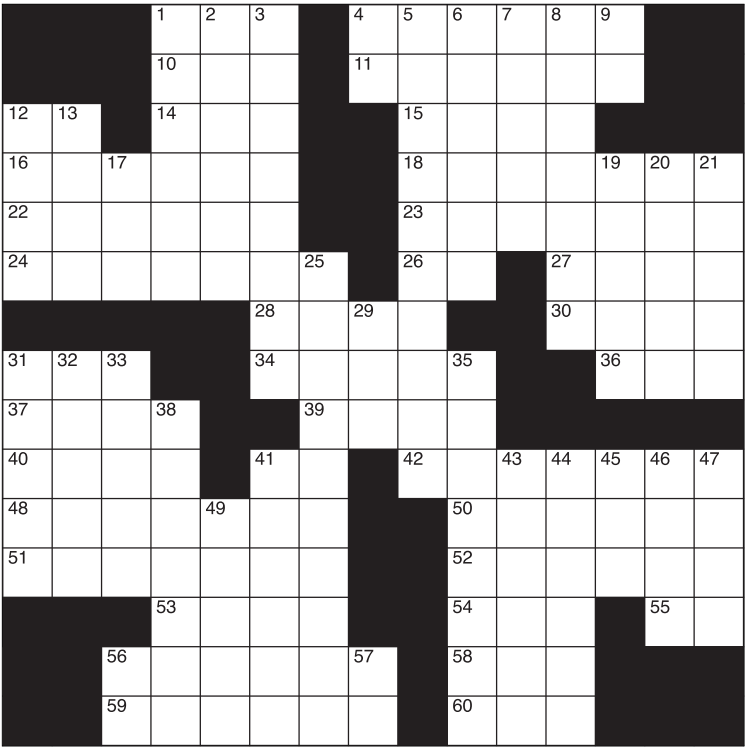
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11. Closed
12. Air Force
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15. Will not (obsolete)
16. Type of tank
18. Raise
22. Represent
23. Gives a new moniker
24. Adversary
26. Anno Domini
27. Lillian \_\_\_, actress
28. Bunch of something
30. This (Spanish)
31. A guitarist uses one
34. Small stem bearing leaves
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Actress Rooney
39. Dark brown or black
40. Matter
41. Atomic number 87 (abbr.)
42. Food company
48. Trips to see wildlife
50. Elderly
51. Famed chapel
52. Something to grab
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60. Google certification (abbr.)

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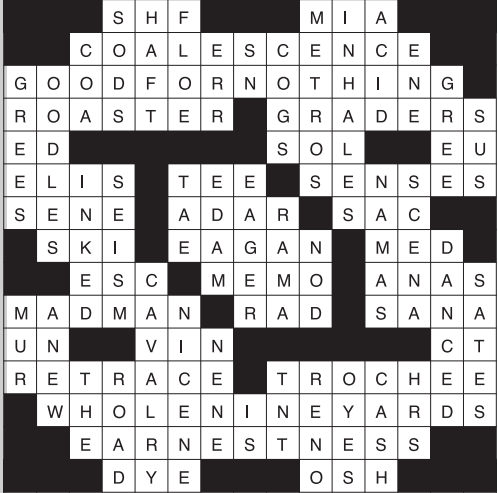
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32. New Zealand conifer
33. College teachers
35. A way of grating
38. Novice
41. Having limits
43. Shining with jewels or sequins
44. Existing at birth but not hereditary
45. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
46. A young male horse under the age of four
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49. Wash off
56. Radio frequency
57. Delirium tremens

LAST WEEK SOLUTIONS

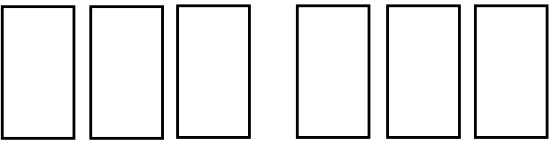


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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the 1950s.

O T H O D R



Answer: Hot rod

PET OF THE WEEK  
WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK



# HORROR FILMS THROUGH THE YEARS

1910 1910: FRANKENSTEIN

1920

1922: NOSFERATU

1930

1933: KING KONG

1940

1941: THE WOLF MAN

1950

1954: GODZILLA

1958: THE BLOB

1960 - 1960: PSYCHO

1968: NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD  
ROSEMARY'S BABY

1970

1973: THE EXORCIST

1974: TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE

1975: JAWS

1976: CARRIE

1978: HALLOWEEN

1979: ALIEN

1980 - 1980: THE SHINING  
FRIDAY THE 13TH

1982: POLTERGEIST

1984: NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET

1990 - 1990: IT

1999: THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT

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2004: SAW / THE GRUNGE

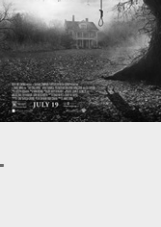
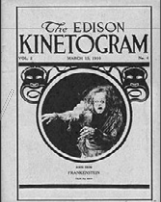
2009: PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

2010

2011: NCIDIOUS

2013: THE CONJURING

2018



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# Horror movie genre growing in popularity

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With the popularity of movies like “The Nun” and “The Quiet Place” and TV shows such as “American Horror Story,” the horror genre seems to be rising from the grave much like the zombies of “The Walking Dead.”

Horror movies in the past have received a bad reputation due to the over use of tropes and stereotypes, such as the first to die being a dumb blonde, using a gratuitous amount of low quality special effects, gore and jump scares in every other scene. Horror movie clichés were so overused that they became satirized in movies like “Scream.”

While these are valid criticisms, recent remakes and box office numbers show horror movies are gravitating back towards popularity.

“I love horror movies. I can’t pick a favorite,” junior elementary education major Chelsea McDaniel said.

Horror films have been around almost as long as movies have. Each generation can boast of providing a classic horror ranging from “Frankenstein” (1910) to “Psycho” (1960) to “Paranormal Activity” (2009). However, it is 2017 which can boast of some of the highest horror movie success.

According to the New York Times, 2017 was the biggest box office year for horror films. During 2017, hit scary movies included the remake of Stephen King’s “It,” “Jigsaw” and the critically acclaimed, Oscar nominated “Get Out.” The year also saw the release of movies that slayed the box offices such as “The Shape of Water,” “Rings,” and “Annabelle: Creation.”

However, it is the newest addition to “The Conjuring” lineup, “The Nun” which takes the prize as one of the highest grossing films of 2018, earning a total of \$53.3 million on its opening weekend.

Simon Thompson, a writer at Forbes, uploaded an article ranking each Conjuring film by its box office earnings.

“So far, the movies in the Conjuring Universe have collectively taken \$426.24 million at the domestic box office by the end their runs, unadjusted for inflation - that figure increases to \$471.61 million adjusted,” Thompson said. “Globally, that figure hits \$1.2 billion, unadjusted, and that’s not to be sniffed at as it makes the Conjuring Universe the third highest-grossing horror franchise in history - it’s also now the highest-grossing R-rated horror franchise.”

Thompson put the movies in order from least grossing to highest; “Annabelle: Creation” (2017), “Annabelle” (2014), “The Conjuring 2” (2016), “The Conjuring” (2013) and “The Nun” (2018).

It is not just recent smashing success at the box office that should have horror fans excited. Remakes of popular horror movies such as “It” brought about a new generation scary movie fans.

The surge in genres popularity may be a key factor in the attempt to reboot the “Friday the 13th” franchise.

The news of Victor Miller, one of the original writers of “Friday

the 13th” won back the rights to the film from Sean Cunningham and Horror Inc. Oct. 6. This is one of the last hurdles for the franchise to reboot itself.

“Friday the 13th” slashed its way to being an iconic horror film in 2009 with the introduction of the hockey mask wearing Jason Voorhees and his need for a bloody and watery revenge.

Northwest also has its ties to horror films.

Northwest alumnus Justin Ross played a hand in the remake of “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.” He has also worked on several other projects, including the “Babysitter Murders.”

“Everyone who worked on “Texas Chainsaw 3D” felt the weight of its existing fan base on our shoulders,” Ross said. “The entire cast and crew were huge fans of the franchise Tobe Hooper built, and took the responsibility we had to the world he created very seriously. Whenever adding to such an iconic franchise the challenge is always being able to give the current fan base what they’ve grown to love about that world and the characters within it, while contributing something new and exciting to the story as well. That’s a huge creative challenge, and I’m proud of the enormous effort our team put forth to do just that.”

“I think it’s really cool someone from Northwest got to do something so cool,” sophomore arts major Aaron Phillips said.

The love of scary movies, however, isn’t universal. The idea of liking horror stories still seems to mystify some.

“I personally love horror movies, something about being afraid of something you don’t entirely understand gives an excitement I can’t quite describe,” Phillips said. “My favorite horror movie is The Woman in Black due to the setting and overall atmosphere of the film. Horror movies coming back into style is awesome and I’m really excited to see what concepts creators and directors go after.”

Jeffrey Goldstein, a professor of social and organizational psychology at the University of Utrecht, told IGN why he thinks people still turn to horror films for fun.

“People go to horror films because they want to be frightened or they wouldn’t do it twice,” Goldstein said. “You choose your entertainment because you want it to affect you. That’s certainly true of people who go to entertainment products like horror films that have big effects. They want those effects.”

“I think people who don’t like scary movies are babies,” McDaniel said.

People turn to horror films for the same reason others turn to roller coasters: it’s safe danger.

Viewers get the adrenaline of being in a dangerous situation, like being attacked by a malevolent demon, without the actual dangers of being in the situation. They can pay as little or as much attention as they want from the comfort of their couches or their movie theater seat.

Overall, it appears horror films are rising up and entering a new, prosperous age of scaring audiences.



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Northwest alumnus Justin Ross is among the many members of the film industry to help with reboots of horror movies.



# TKE philanthropy event sweeps board

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With bean bags flying and people watching intently, Tau Kappa Epsilon-Delta Nu chapter started its year off with its first big philanthropy event since coming back to campus, Toss for a Cause.

The event was a corn hole tournament held Oct. 6 in the Student Recreation Center due to weather conditions. The tournament had 58 teams compete with each team consisting of two players. Groups paid \$10 to participate.

TKE's national philanthropy, St. Jude, received 75 percent of the proceeds, while the other 25 percent went to the winners in cash.

There was a variety of teams participating, each with unique names such as "Amateur Cornstars," "The Cob Father" and "Game of Throws."

Junior Brittany Cunningham was part of the team "Since 220." She created the team with her roommate she has been with since freshman year, using their old dorm number 220. Those plans were changed when her roommate realized she was supposed to go to MO Hope during the corn hole tournament.

Instead, Cunningham brought her friend Hannah Dennis, a community member who plans on coming to Northwest next semester.

"She (Cunningham) invited me here and I thought it would be fun to do," Dennis said. "It's actually my first time on the campus."

Dennis enjoyed how fun the tournament was and watching the different teams play.

As with any corn hole game, the same rules applied. Partners stood opposite each other next to a hand-

painted TKE corn hole board. One person could gain points, while the other took away points from the opposing team.

Each bean bag on the board garnered a point, while getting a bean bag in the hole got three points.

Even though "Since 220" lost the first round, Cunningham kept a positive attitude.

"We did really good and had fun," Cunningham said.

Cunningham came to the tournament after hearing her friends in TKE talking about it. She explained what she thinks about TKE coming back as well.

"I think that it's good," Cunningham said. "I think since they're all new members, it makes me feel really excited that they're coming back because they're coming back really good."

Vice President and Philanthropy Chair Garrett Niemeier wanted a successful first philanthropy project to raise a lot of money for St. Jude.

Niemeier reached out to TKE Alumni, asking for ideas, conversing and planning for the event. The alumni even made five corn hole sets while the active members painted them with TKE symbols.

Through talking to many organizations, getting flyers created and posted, TKE was able to have several teams sign up.

"Overall, there was a lot of hard work by multiple people and sources that made this event one for the books," Niemeier said.

After the success of the event, it had been decided the corn hole tournament would become an annual event.

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Joseph Suchan of Sigma Tau Gamma lines up a toss as opponent Clarissa Lenger of Alpha Sigma Alpha celebrates a successful toss in a game of corn hole during Tau Kappa Delta's Toss for a Cause fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 7.



HAILEY HOWARD | TOWER

Krysta Ott and Katie Waterman were two actresses to perform in Theatre Northwest's freshmen/transfer showcase, "Love/Sick," beginning Thursday, Oct. 4 in the Studio Theatre.

## Famed podcaster talks career, social activism

ANGEL TRINH  
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Dylan Marron shared his experiences with digital creation and social justice issues while visiting Northwest Oct. 4 as a speaker for the Student Activities Council Speaks Lecture Series.

Marron was invited to campus by SAC in collaboration with the University Police Department; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Missourian and Tower yearbook.

Per his contract with the University, Marron had a Q&A session with media students hours prior to his speech for the Lecture Series.

Marron started his career as an actor, but agents continuously told him he would not be able to find work.

As he grew older and heard the same message year after year, he realized he was rejected due to his skin color.

In order to discuss the lack of representation in a healthy, progressive manner, he created a video series called "Every Single Word," where he edits down popular movies to only the words spoken by a person of color.

"I used the internet to make a career when the agents told me I couldn't," Marron said in the Q&A.

Marron worked as a writer at Seriously.TV where he created, hosted and produced projects such as "Sitting in Bathrooms with Trans People" and the "Unboxing" series.

He created content which opened discussion about ongoing controversial topics.

"I like infusing what I do with intention," Marron said.

As a digital creator on several platforms, Marron shares his thoughts and opinions publicly. He receives large amounts of hate for being a homosexual individual who shares his liberal views.

Marron uses this negativity to

fuel positive conversations in his latest podcast, "Conversations with People Who Hate Me," where he asks people why they wrote hateful messages, discussing the thoughts and feelings behind each side.

He also moderates conversations between others who have received hate and the people who wrote those messages.

SAC Speaks Director TJ Johnson is fascinated with the podcasts.

"I think it's important for people who are listening to podcasts to listen to both sides," Johnson said.

At Marron's talk, he shared clips of the podcast with students and faculty. His audience was filled with both brand new and long-time fans.

One new fan of Marron was freshman Adrien Bradley.

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## Freshmen transfer play showcases love

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Theatre Northwest showcased a unique representation of love and relationships Oct. 4-7 as it presented "Love/Sick" in the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts Studio Theater.

The series of nine scenes focused on the various stages of love and showed the audience how love comes in different forms.

"Love/Sick" was written by John Cariani and directed by Professor of Theater Joe Kreizinger. In his director's note, Kreizinger described the key essence of the show.

"Each two-person piece is a complete show in and of itself, but collectively, we hope to convey the universal 'cycle' of human relationships," Kreizinger said in his director's note. "From love-at-first-sight to love-long-passed, this is far from your typical 'romantic comedies.'"

The play focused on nine couples trying to go through their various relationships and the issues that could possibly arise in them. The

actors used these unique scenes to explain that love is not always the perfect and romanticized version presented in movies.

Rhiannon Hopkins, a freshman speech and theater education major, played Jill in one of the scenes and explained that it was hard to get prepared for her role.

"It was stressful preparing for this part, and it was a different process compared to a normal audition experience," Hopkins said. "They asked us to come in and do a cold reading of the script, and it was difficult to go through some of these topics because I had never experienced them before."

Allison Westerdale, a freshman speech and theater education major who played Kelly, described how this was a great experience to share this topic with other college students.

"Coming to college makes a big difference compared to the relationships that we had in high school," Westerdale said. "Here we get to control how things go, and are responsible for the decisions we make

in our relationships, and this show demonstrates those decisions perfectly."

This show demonstrated love is not confined to one version and exists in a variety of forms from same sex couples to a married couple trying to rediscover the fire.

Bryant Thompson, a freshman theater performance major, played Bill and talked about how it is important discussing when relationships turn toxic.

"It is definitely a choice to be in those types of relationships, but the people in those relationships still feel love and it is important for us to portray that for the audience," Thompson said. "It just goes to show that love is complex and comes in so many different forms and not everyone is exposed to them on a regular basis."

Westerdale wants audience members to leave with an understanding that love comes in many different forms.

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THE STROLLER:

## Your Bearcat wants clean water

Your Bearcat wants better water.

Everybody knows water is essential to the human body, yet the Maryville water has me questioning if I really need it to survive.

The water is that terrible.

I guess that's what happens when it comes from a recreational lake. With Mozingo Lake as the main water source, it's no wonder why the taste is so bad. There are people who swim, boat, litter and probably pee in Mozingo.

Even though there are other lakes with the same recreational uses, I guess Maryville never learned to properly filter out sweaty kids and fishy smells.

When I was young, I didn't always believe water had much of a taste, until I drank the Florida water.

I used to think I had already experienced the worst kind of water

after my trip down south. Clearly I was wrong.

Little did middle school me know I would be attending a college where the trees are abundant but tasty water is not.

The taste it leaves in my mouth is less than satisfactory and only makes me thirstier. The water is like a hard pill nobody wants to swallow.

Actually, it makes me want to swallow pills dry.

When I drink water, I want a cool, refreshing drink that doesn't have a distracting taste or smell.

I don't think what I'm asking for is too much. It's not rocket science or sending people to Mars.

All I want is water that is clean.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*





Junior Addison Hall was forced to forfeit her match in the Class 1 District 16 championship against Savannah after she collapsed in the middle of her match on Oct. 3. WYATT BELL | NW MISSOURIAN

# Tennis awaits match with Marshall

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Maryville tennis was able to capture the Class 1 District 16 championship against rival Savannah Oct. 3.

The Spoofhounds (12-4) defeated the Savages (9-4) by a final of 5-3, advancing the Maryville to a state sectional matchup with the Marshall Owls (16-1). The ‘Hounds were led to victory against the Savages with strong performances from seniors Morgan Goodridge and Kamryn Gastler.

Goodridge, who defeated Savannah’s Jocelynn Kalluaner (6-0, 6-4) in team play and fell short



against Kalluaner (7-5, 6-0) in singles competition, advanced to Class 1 singles sectionals play. In sectional play, Goodridge was defeated (6-0, 6-0) by Carlie Aldredge of Marshall, Oct. 8 in St. Joseph.

The win against Savannah was sparked by some extra motivation, after a loss to the Savages earlier in the season. Gastler said the ‘Hounds had been preparing for the potential matchup with their rival the entire week leading up to the showdown.

“We knew that there was a huge possibility of us playing Savannah for the championship, so we had been mentally preparing to pull the upset for a week or so,” Gastler said. “There was definitely some

extra motivation beating Savannah since they beat us previously this season.”

Gastler was also impressed with how she and her teammates were able to capture the district championship with much of the team being relatively inexperienced in tennis.

“With five of the six varsity players only having one or two years of experience with tennis, it’s really amazing that we were able to come out with the district championship,” Gastler said. “We were able to come back home and celebrate with our school at the Homecoming pep rally. I think that night was a night that none of us will forget.”

There was a setback in the championship match though, as junior Addison Hall had a scary moment in her match against Savannah’s Lauren Stafford.

“Team districts was rough at times,” Maryville senior Emma Webb-Kirkpatrick said. “Addison practically collapsed and had to forfeit her match.”

Despite the scare in the Hall match, the ‘Hounds prevailed and set their date with Marshall. The Owls have only had one loss all season, coming at the hands of Jefferson City (15-4). Full of heavy hitters, including Aldredge, the Owls are the full focus moving forward for the Spoofhounds, who, according to Gastler, are looking forward

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<b>Sectionals Tournament</b> Oct. 13 TBD

to the opportunity.

“We are excited for sectionals, but we know Marshall is a really talented and experienced team,” Gastler said. “So we are just preparing to rally with them and get used to returning harder hits than we are used to in the MEC.”

The Spoofhounds will clash with the Owls to determine who will advance to the state quarterfinals Oct. 13.

## NW FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

The struggle for Northwest has been maintaining the first half momentum after halftime. The third quarter is the lowest scoring quarter this season for the Bearcats and is tied with the second quarter for the most points allowed. Putting together a full four quarters of dominant football is the goal for Northwest Homecoming day.

## MIDTERM CONTINUED FROM A12

Gibson’s ultimate hopes for the team moving forward are to be

## COLUMN CONTINUED FROM A12

With such a rich tradition of winning, it’s easy to lose sight of perspective after one rare three-loss season, or one subpar outing. Failing to win a national championship does not depict a bad season.

Ask Missouri Southern what a bad season is, or Northeastern State. The Lions and Riverhawks, conference foes of Northwest, have combined to lose as many games this season as the Bearcats have in the last seven years (12).

In reality, most teams would kill for the opportunity to do what Northwest has done so far this year, and many would be content with a nine-win campaign and a first-round playoff exit, which was considered a “down year” for the Bearcats last season.

In Maryville, each loss is overstated. For many overreacting fans and students, every rough game seems to illustrate the beginning of the end.

If that last sentence characterizes you, I’ve got some news: every loss is not Armageddon. When the Bearcats lose, the sun still comes up the next day. And more often than not, they’ll play again next week. And more often than not, they’ll win.

Northwest possesses a coaching staff and a large group of players who have been crowned national champions twice in the last four seasons. They’ve earned the benefit of the doubt, so give it to them.

## MHS FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

Savannah has averaged slightly more than 57 points per game this season, while the Maryville defense has yielded just nine points per contest this year and a little more than five points per game when facing MEC opponents.

“They’re pretty good, I’m not going to lie,” junior lineman Jack-

son Bram said of Savannah. “But we’re going to be ready. We’ve got to have a hard week of practice, and we’ve really got to lock in mentally. It’s going to be fun.”

In some ways, the MEC title on the line in the matchup is just an added layer to the game for both teams. Historically, the game offers excitement and intensity regardless of the stakes.

Maryville and Savannah are both communities who take foot-

ball seriously, each a city with a unique Friday night tradition, unlike those found elsewhere. The rivalry game provides a chance for two averse towns to prove their superiority on the gridiron.

“Every year, it’s a rivalry,” Webb said. “These kids grow up with that. You grow up in Maryville disliking Savannah and you grow up in Savannah disliking Maryville, it’s just the way it is. It’s going to be a competitive football game.”

For Maryville, the matchup will offer a dry run for the postseason; a game with higher stakes than any other contest the ‘Hounds have participated in for nearly a year. It’s the kind of game the Spoofhounds have been preparing for, and almost assuredly, one they’re ready for.

“Savannah is a really good team,” senior running back Tyler Houchin said. “We’re ready for them. We’re going to go out there and do what we’ve been doing.”

competitive and go to the NCAA Division II Championship meet.

“For me, the biggest thing is getting the kids in a position where they are going to be successful,” Gibson said. “I want them to prog-

ress to where they are scoring at conference, whether it is seventh or eighth, or first and third, wherever, just so they are helping contribute to what we are trying to accomplish.”

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# Softball reaches unfamiliar territory

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The Maryville softball program has reached unfamiliar territory as the season is coming to an end. For the first time in coach Chandra Demotts’ tenure, the team has posted a record above .500 at 12-8.



Maryville was set to face off against North Platte Oct. 8 until the game was cancelled due to rain. This marks the third game this season that has been delayed or cancelled due to weather.

With the season nearing the end, the Spoofohounds are prepared to make some noise in the MSHSAA Class 3 District 16 Tournament. The improvement from the team this year has instilled a newfound confidence heading into districts.

“Being able to send these seniors off with such a successful season has been great,” Demott said. “This season shows the work that the girls have put in to allow the team to be in such a great spot at this point in the season.”

Demott is pleased with what the team has put on display this season. She has praised the leadership of the seniors because of how well they have brought along the younger girls on the team.

“My expectation for the season has not changed throughout the year,” Demott said. “I have seen the work they put in and expected this season to be a successful one.”

The players have seen a huge change in the program’s success over the last four years. The seniors



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville softball is in the midst of the most successful season under coach Chandra Demott. They begin their playoff path Oct. 11 in Savannah.

on the team even admitted there has been a significant change in the program since their freshman year.

“Our first year we did not have that much success, as we only won a couple of games,” senior Emma Baldwin said. “To finally have this kind of success in our last year is really great.”

The seniors have been the backbone of the team by showing the underclassmen how to car-

ry themselves and play together as a team. After three losing seasons, the seniors have finally gotten a taste of what it is like to have a winning season. They have expressed how proud and excited they are for the team to finally post a winning record.

The Spoofohounds have proved this season that they will be a force to be reckoned with come districts. Districts provides an opportunity

for the team to show that this season was not a fluke, but just the beginning of the program’s success.

“The main objective is to get past the first round of districts,” Demott said. “I would be lying if I said I did not want to win the district championship, but I believe that is something this team is capable of doing.”

Maryville takes on Lafayette in the first round of districts Oct. 11 at

### NEXT GAME

District Tournament  
5 p.m. Oct 11  
Savannah, MO

5 p.m. in Savannah, Mo. The winner of the game will meet Smithville soon after, with first pitch scheduled for 7 p.m.



ANDREW WEGLEY | NWMISSOURIAN

Freshman goalkeeper Alexis Serna Castillo has given up 19 goals this season, saving 42 shots.

# Soccer seeks first MIAA win

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Northwest soccer’s slump continued over the weekend as it suffered losses to Nebraska-Kearney Oct. 5 and Fort Hays State Oct. 7 by scores of 1-0 and 3-0, respectively.

The games were the latest in a series of defeats for the Bearcats, punctuating what has been a season-long slump. Northwest (1-10, 0-5 MIAA) has not won since its opening match against William Jewell Aug. 30.

Over the past few weeks, the state of the team, at least on paper, has degenerated from bad to worse. The Bearcats have scored just two goals in the last calendar month, a stretch that includes eight games.

“We haven’t scored a goal in four games,” coach Marc Gordon said. “It’s not a curse; it’s going to breakthrough. We’re working on the things we need to in training to break through. It’s not going to be luck. It’s going to be through our efforts.”

The statistics and record paint the picture of a team that is not well, one that has lost hope. For Northwest, the opposite is true. The Bearcats have continued to bring energy and effort to each practice and game, refusing to lose hope in their season.

“Our spirit is still strong,” Gordon said. “Being 1-10, sometimes people walk away, but no one’s done that. Everybody’s still focused ... We’re doing the right things in training, the attitude is right-- the ball’s just not going our way.”

Despite carrying a 1-10 record and despite being buried in their conference, the Bearcats press on. In the midst a slump that could’ve ripped hope from even the strongest of teams, Northwest refuses to lose optimism.

“It just seems like we’ve grown so much as a team,” junior forward Gloria Hanrahan said. “Even though the results aren’t showing that, I think we’re headed in the right direction, and things will start for falling for us soon.”

For one more week, the schedule moves on. The Bearcats will take on Missouri Southern (6-4-2, 2-2-1 MIAA) and Southwest Baptist (0-10-2) in the coming week. With six games left in the season, Gordon is taking each one as it comes. The coach drew comparisons from Missouri Southern, a program that is in the early stages of a rebuild, to his own team.

“Who knows what can happen in six games,” Gordon said. “Southern is playing really well. It’s kind of been a culture change down there, and about six games ago, things really started to swing

### NEXT GAME

Northwest @ Missouri Southern  
6 p.m. Oct. 12  
Joplin, MO

for them.”

The Bearcats will travel south to look for a breakthrough of their own, though they have no specific purpose or end. They are a rebuilding team, with success coming in the form of progress, rather than the win column.

“I just want us to kind of forget everything that’s happened so far and just take it game by game,” Hanrahan said. “I think it’s important that we go out there and know that we can win and that we can put goals away. We need to start believing in each other and believing in ourselves.”

For Gordon, the season has been a letdown, but the perseverance of his players has been uplifting. He is hopeful for the future, this season and beyond.

“It’s refreshing that it matters to them still,” Gordon said. “They haven’t just hung up the boots and written off this season. My heart breaks right now for our seniors. It’s a building block, it’s something you always try to remember, and you honor those that were apart of this by being more productive going forward.”

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### NW FOOTBALL

#### MIAA Standings

#### Overall AFCA

NORTHWEST.....	5-1	No. 13
Pittsburg State.....	5-1	No. 18
Fort Hays State.....	4-2	NR
Missouri Western.....	4-2	NR
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-2	NR
Central Missouri.....	3-3	NR
Central Oklahoma.....	3-3	NR
Emporia State.....	3-3	NR
Washburn.....	3-3	NR
Lindenwood.....	2-4	NR
Missouri Southern.....	0-6	NR
Northeastern State.....	0-6	NR

### NW VOLLEYBALL

#### MIAA Standings

#### Overall MIAA

Washburn.....	21-0	9-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	22-1	8-1
Central Oklahoma.....	19-4	7-2
NORTHWEST.....	15-5	7-2
Central Missouri.....	16-5	6-3
Pittsburg State.....	15-7	4-5
Missouri Western.....	11-10	4-5
Emporia State.....	10-12	4-5
Lindenwood.....	11-8	3-6
Missouri Southern.....	2-17	2-7
Fort Hays State.....	6-15	0-9
Southwest Baptist.....	4-18	0-9

### NW WOMEN'S SOCCER

#### MIAA Standings

#### Overall MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	12-0	5-0
Emporia State.....	9-2-1	4-1
Central Missouri.....	9-2-1	3-1-1
Missouri Western.....	8-4	3-2
Fort Hays State.....	5-5-2	3-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	5-7	3-2
Missouri Southern.....	6-4-2	2-2-1
Washburn.....	6-5-1	2-2-1
Lindenwood.....	5-5-2	2-2-1
Northeastern State.....	6-5-1	0-4-1
Southwest Baptist.....	0-10-20	4-1
NORTHWEST.....	1-10	0-5

### MHS FOOTBALL

#### MEC Standings

#### Overall MEC

MARYVILLE.....	6-1	5-0
Savannah.....	5-2	5-0
Lafayette.....	6-1	4-1
St. Pius.....	5-2	4-1
Chillicothe.....	1-6	1-4
Benton.....	1-6	1-4
Cameron.....	2-5	0-5
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-7	0-5





MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Sophomore Maddy Ahrens has been named MIAA tri-specialist of the week. She averages 12.47 assists per set.

# `Cats prep for road work

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Northwest volleyball looks to regain its stride while being on the road after splitting two MIAA conference matches in Bearcat Arena Oct. 5 and 6.



Central Oklahoma (19-4 overall, 7-2 MIAA) made its way to Maryville to clash with the Bearcats in an MIAA matchup Oct. 5. Northwest (15-5 overall, 7-2 MIAA) found itself in an early deficit by dropping the first two sets to the Bronchos. After a quick turn around and the Bearcats winning the next two sets, the teams found themselves playing in a match-deciding set five.

Northwest gave up eight errors during the fifth set and this ultimately was the deciding factor when losing the match (17-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-22, 14-16). Although the loss was taken, three Bearcats, including sophomores Hallie Sydney and Maddy Ahrens along with senior Maddy Bruder, recorded double-doubles during the match.

"We found ourselves in a tight fifth set again, and we will win when we earn it," coach Amy Woerth said. "When you give up eight unforced errors in a critical set five, you are not going to win."

It didn't take long for Northwest to bounce back and redeem itself as the Bearcats swept Pittsburg State Oct. 6 (25-18, 30-28, 25-23). Notable standouts in this match included Bruder, etching her 11th double-double on the season, and Ahrens completing her third straight double-double as well. The team hit a season-high .462 in the first set with 14 kills and only two

attack errors.

The Bearcats closed out the match in the third set after it highlighted seven ties and two lead changes.

"We found ourselves in some tough situations against Pitt State, and our girls showed some grit and got out of them," Woerth said. "It was a good growing moment for us as we prepare for five straight games on the road."

Northwest wrapped up most of its home schedule Oct. 6 against Pittsburg State and will not return back to Bearcat Arena until Oct. 26, when Missouri Southern makes the trip from their home in Joplin. The Bearcats will play five conference games before the matchup with the Lions and will be tested on the road in Topeka, Kansas, Oct. 13 with the undefeated Washburn Ichabods.

Washburn (21-0 overall, 9-0 MIAA) are unblemished through their first 21 games and show no signs of letting off of the gas. The Bearcats, when playing nationally ranked teams, have fallen in the deciding fifth set each time. Northwest's record in set fives on the year is a winless 0-4.

"It really just comes down to the mentality of punching them in

## NEXT GAME

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6 p.m. Oct. 12  
Emporia, KS

the face first and making our presence known," Woerth said. "This team has that capability and knowing that will give us the best shot."

One particular Bearcat made her presence known with her latest outings in MIAA play. Ahrens was named the MIAA Tri-Specialist of the Week for her performances against Central Oklahoma and Pittsburg State. Ahrens leads the conference in assists and averages 1.47 more than the setter from Nebraska-Kearney, Lindsay Smith. Ahrens had a combined 98 assists, 25 digs, seven kills, two blocks and one service ace in the Bearcats' matches against the Lopers and Gorillas.

"The key for me is to continue developing a relationship with my passers," Ahrens said. "I just really believe that the work that we have put in as a team puts me in an even better position to be successful. The award is just our hard work paying off."

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# Maryville set for state showing

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A successful season can be defined as what is accomplished based on preseason goals, so far Maryville golf this year is a guaranteed success.



The Spoofhounds head back to Maryville to compete on their home course of Mozingo Lake in the 2018 MSHSAA Class 1 State Tournament as a team.

For Maryville, the whole season has revolved around one topic of conversation: what is it going to take to get to state as a team. The answer to that season reflecting question is simple, a 398 team score.

The Spoofhounds claimed the second place prize in the Class 1 Sectional 4 Tournament Oct. 8 at Moila Country Club in St. Joseph with a total score of 398. Once again, Maryville fell right behind Stanberry, but the team couldn't care less, because the achievement of making it to the Class 1 State Tournament is enough.

"It was amazing (making it to state). Everyone was just high fiving and it was amazing," coach Brenda Ricks said. "This was our goal; it's way too cool."

A common occurrence happened at the sectional matchup as junior Emily Long and senior Laurelle Wickersham led the team and finished in the top 10, both placing at the sixth spot, shooting 92 for the tournament. Those two didn't do everything though, as everyone seemed to contribute to the success of the Spoofhounds. Senior Kylee Dougan paved her own way, placing 11th with a score of 97.

Now both the Spoofhounds and Stanberry have the chance to take full advantage of the course they call home in the state tournament. Especially with unfavorable golf weather on the horizon, the distinct

## NEXT GAME

**MSHAA Class 1 State Tournament**  
Oct. 15-16  
Mozingo Lake

course familiarity is a huge boost.

Throughout the week, Mozingo has been pushed nearly underwater with an onslaught of rain in the forecasts. Combined with a projected temperature of high 40s, the mud-ridden course will be every golfer's worst nightmare.

"The course is in rough condition right now, and there is rain in the forecast for Sunday, with the high Monday being 42 degrees," Ricks said. "The conditions are not going to be good, its going to be survival of the fittest. The winners will be the ones that deal with that the best."

As the final destination becomes a reality in the 2018 season, goals that began at the beginning of the year will be tested. Long has her sight set on a major upgrade as she hopes to go from a middle of the pact finish to a top 10 one.

"I want to get top 10," Long said. "My score goal is not 90s like I did at sectionals, but low 80s."

For one week, the Spoofhounds will have to stay away from their home course as MSHSAA only allows one practice round on the state course.

With all the goals for the team on everyone's mind, Ricks only wants one thing from the squad: Just go out and have fun without worrying how they place.

"I just want them to go in there and have fun with it," Ricks said. "I would love to go in there and get second or third, but I just want them to do their best. When you get to this point, all that other stuff is just icing on the cake."

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Junior running back Isaiah Strayhorn leads the Bearcats in both rushing yards (415) and yards per carry (7). He was named MIAA co-Offensive Player of the Week following Northwest's 31-7 win over Pittsburg State Saturday, Oct. 7. He rushed for 147 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries in the game.

# Defense back on track

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Northwest football faces the No. 1 rusher and rushing attack in the MIAA at Bearcat Stadium for Homecoming Oct. 13.



Nebraska-Kearney (4-2) sits atop the conference with 304 rushing yards per game heading into Week 7. Junior running back Darrius Webb leads the way for the Lopers averaging 96.7 yards per contest and is seeking his third straight 100-yard game. This strength of the Lopers will be tested by the biggest strength of the Bearcats (5-1), defending the run.

Allowing a mere 76.7 yards per game on the ground is good for a seventh place tie among NCAA Division II defenses for No. 13 Northwest. The stout rushing defense is nothing new to the Bearcats, as it

has been 47 games since any player has rushed for 100 yards against Northwest.

Along with stuffing the yardage, touchdowns on the ground have been just as difficult to achieve against Northwest. Heading into Homecoming, the streak has reached 19 straight games without allowing a rushing touchdown. Despite the heritage and history of dominating rushing defenses, coach Rich Wright is not underestimating the Lopers' scheme.

"They (Kearney) do some different things and present problems that are not typical of a week-in-week-out offense," Wright said. "If you look it up, statistically they are averaging 304 yards a game rushing, so we are going to have to be very good on Saturday."

While the Lopers rely on the run game heavily, Northwest has been more of a balanced offensive team throughout the first six

games. Averaging over 200 yards on the ground and through the air, the Bearcats have spread the ball around to the playmakers on the field. One playmaker stood out in the Week 6 win over Pitt State: junior running back Isaiah Strayhorn.

Strayhorn had his most productive game as a Bearcat racking up 147 rushing yards on 11 carries and punching in the games opening touchdown. His play earned him MIAA co-Offensive Player of the Week.

Getting its own run game going early on will help Northwest control the line of scrimmage and give the defense time to recover from the physical run style Kearney plays with.

"I think we are going to have to score and start fast," Strayhorn said. "I think that because of our potentially limited amount of possessions on offense, we are going to have to make the most of those

### NEXT GAME

Northwest vs Nebraska-Kearney  
2 p.m. Oct. 13  
Bearcat Stadium

possessions."

Starting off strong has been a strong suit for the Bearcats in the past two weeks as they opened up a 27-0 and a 28-0 lead heading into halftime of each game. Bolstering these fast starts has been the second quarter play.

Through six weeks, Northwest has 86 second quarter points, averaging slightly more than 14 points in the second quarter while allowing less than three points on average in the quarter.

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# Football isn't falling off the map

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Following an impressive 31-7 win over Pittsburg State Oct. 6, Bearcat fans everywhere celebrated and breathed a collective sigh of relief.

For four quarters last Saturday, the Bearcats were dominant. They played well in every facet

of the game, and they looked like the team we knew they were, the team they've been for more than a decade: one of the best teams in NCAA Division II football.

Since 2008, Northwest has accumulated 129 wins and just 17 losses including postseason play, good for a ridiculous 88.36 winning percentage. In the same stretch, the team has won four national championships.

For the past decade, the Bearcats have been dominant in every sense of the word. They've

been dubbed the Alabama of Division II football and have prompted the popular phrase "'Cats by 90," in reference to their superior play.

In their conference, the Bearcats have been superior. Northwest has won nine of the last 12 MIAA conference titles; the road to the MIAA championship has run through Maryville for more than a decade.

So it's easy to forget that just a few weeks ago, following a loss to Central Oklahoma Sept. 22, much of Maryville and Bearcat Nation was

pretty sure the sky was falling. Northwest lost a game, its fourth time doing so in an eight-game stretch, dating back to October of last year.

Guess what? Good teams lose games. Even great teams, like Northwest, are going to lose games. Sometimes, they'll lose games they have no business losing, but that's apart of the sport. Football is unpredictable, and it would be boring if it wasn't.

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# Tough test awaits Maryville in Savannah

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Just 30 or so miles down US Route 71, Maryville football's toughest test in weeks awaits. The Spoofhounds will face off against Savannah Oct. 12, playing as the visitors for the first time since Week 5.



The Spoofhounds (6-1, 5-0) enter the rivalry game on the heels of their sixth straight win, the latest in the series of triumphs coming in the form an 82-8 win over Bishop LeBlond, Maryville's most dominant win to date.

Since a 38-35 Week 1 loss to Blair Oaks, Maryville's play has been dynamic. The team has allowed just 28 points over the last six weeks, while scoring 351. Over the course of the win streak, the 'Hounds have wreaked havoc on MEC opponents, coasting to a 5-0 record against conference foes.

Savannah (5-2, 5-0 MEC) offers a more intriguing matchup than any team has all season for Maryville. The Savages, like the Spoofhounds, have won five-consecutive conference matchups.

"Savannah is an excellent football team," Maryville coach Matt

Webb said. "There are two teams undefeated in the MEC conference right now with two weeks left to go, so we've got to beat them if we want to win a conference championship."

In all likelihood, the outcome of the game will determine which team claims the MEC crown. With just two games to go for Maryville, the stakes are as high as they've been all season.

"I can't say enough good things about Savannah," Webb said. "They average scoring over 50 points per game. They're just excellent. We're going to have our hands full trying to get a victory, so it's going to be a great football game."

The stage is set for a showdown between the MEC's two highest octane offenses, and two of its most stout defenses.

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ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Tyler Houchin sprints down the sideline in Maryville's 82-8 homecoming win over Bishop LeBlond Oct. 5. Houchin scored two touchdowns in the game and was named homecoming king prior to the contest.

# Midterm report: A look at Northwest Athletics

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As students and athletes push through midterm exams and assessments, the midway point of the Bearcat athletic season offers a chance for an evaluation of their own.



**FOOTBALL:** In the second season under coach Rich Wright, Northwest football finds itself in prime position for an MIAA title. Sitting at 5-1 entering the Week 7 Homecoming matchup with Nebraska-Kearney, the Bearcats have had ups and downs early on.

Northwest totes the Division II's second-ranked scoring defense (10.2) but has struggled with giving up explosive plays. After a Week 4 loss to Central Oklahoma, 31-21, the coaching staff made adjustments that have bolstered the secondary.

On the offensive side, steady improvements and adjustments have led to the Bearcats outscoring opponents 222-61. Junior running back Isaiah Strayhorn sees the improvement Wright and the rest of the team are making.

"I think I've seen a lot of growth with our coaches from spring ball to now," Strayhorn said. "Our coaches are great, and they do a great job coaching us and getting us right, putting us in positions to be successful. So I think that growth has been improving this whole season."

**SOCCER:** Northwest soccer's first season under coach Marc Gordon is winding down, and the year has gone differently than Gordon anticipated. The Bearcats have lost 10 consecutive games after beating William Jewell in their opening matchup. Despite the rough stretch, the rebuilding Bearcats remain fully confident in the process and their new head coach.

"We're so excited that coach Gordon is here and leading us in the right direction," senior forward Gloria Hanrahan said. "He's amazing. I think he brings a fresh face to the team and makes us excited. All the stuff we do in training is for a reason, and it's all starting to fall together. I'm glad he's here with us."

**VOLLEYBALL:** As Northwest volleyball approaches the end of the 2018 conference season on a high note, the Bearcats still have their end goals in mind. Coach Amy Woerth has accomplished winning her hundredth victory in her coaching career at Northwest and the Bearcats (15-5 overall, 7-2 MIAA) are tied for third in the MIAA conference standings.

"It has been very important to coach Woerth that we find our culture within the team this season," sophomore Maddy Ahrens said. "We have worked hard to establish a culture of honesty, vulnerability and openness with each other. Coach Woerth has instilled this mindset within us this year, and in my opinion, it's been a huge success."

**TENNIS:** As the 2018 fall season comes to a close, the Northwest tennis team looks ahead to the spring season coming off an impressive fall campaign. The Bearcats performed well in all three tournaments, with the biggest result coming in the ITA Regionals, where Northwest sophomore Franco Olivia was crowned an ITA Singles champion.

Head coach Mark Rosewell, who has been at Northwest for the last 35 years, carries an experienced leadership quality that instills confidence and trust from his players.

"Coach has been here for like 35 years I think. That gives a lot of confidence that when he says something; you can really believe in the guy," Northwest freshman Fabien Calloud said. "He's been here, he knows what he's talking about. I trust coach and everything he says."

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Under the direction of first year coach Nick Gibson, the Northwest cross country team has surpassed many personal bests and are paving the way for high goals.

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